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Calendar

Fri., Oct. 21	Pick up your <i>Bugle</i> at the PO	Sun., Nov. 6	Art at Penn Place, work of Garrett Park artist Glenn Roberts (through Dec. 4)
Sat., Oct. 22	Large item pickup		
Sun., Oct. 23	Memorial for Paul Edlund, Town Hall, 3 to 5 pm	Mon., Nov. 7	Monthly yard-waste pickup
Wed., Oct. 26	Citizens Assoc. meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm	Tues., Nov. 8	Lunch Bunch, Town Hall, 12:30
Thurs., Oct. 27	Happy Hour, Town Hall, 2–4 pm (see p 3)	Fri., Nov. 11	GPNS Art & Craft Fair Preview Party and Silent Auction, Town Hall, 7 pm
Sat., Oct. 29	Spooky Woods, Porcupine Woods, Penn Place, 7 pm (p 5)	Sat., Nov. 12	GPNS Art & Craft Fair, Town Hall, 10 am–5 pm
Sun., Oct. 30	Pumpkin carving, Penn Place tennis court, 1 pm (BYO pumpkin and carving tools) (p 5); Memorial, Susan Alexander, Town Hall, 12 noon; annual Tree Walk with Phil Normandy, 2 pm, assemble Town Hall (p 5)	Sun., Nov. 13	GPNS Art & Craft Fair, Town Hall, 10 am–5 pm
Mon., Oct. 31	Last weekly pickup of yard waste; Trick or Treat Night	Mon., Nov. 14	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7:30 pm
Thurs., Nov. 3	Casual Musicians Club Jam, Town Hall, 8 pm	Tues., Nov. 15	Bugle deadline, 4 pm
Fri., Nov. 4	Deadline to submit names for jobs list (see request, p 6)	Thurs., Nov. 17	Happy Hour, Town Hall, 2–4 pm (p 3); Casual Musicians Club Jam, Town Hall, 8 pm
Sat., Nov. 5	GIVES collection, Penn place lobby, 9 am–1 pm	Fri., Nov. 18	Film Society, Top Hat, dinner 7:15, film 8 pm (p 7); Pick up your <i>Bugle</i> at Penn Place
		Sat., Nov. 19	Last weekly Farmers Market; in winter, every other week
		Wed., Nov. 23	Citizens Assoc. Meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm

Nuts and Bolts

The October meeting of the Town Council took place on a warm night with a full hazy moon. I got to the Town Hall early, and sat on the front bench in the dark. Then I walked around to the Zen fountain in the back garden and watched its smooth stones shine in the moonlight.

That was very romantic, but once inside the building, it was all about the nuts and bolts of running a town.

Mayor Keller asked a Councilmember to volunteer to be Acting Mayor from October 17 to 26, and Phil Schulp kindly did so.

Alison Pearce updated the town on the community center/nursery school renovations.

Things are moving along nicely, with occasional volunteer labor and permit issues occupying the organizers. Ramps have been built, the water line is complete, and exterior doors are in. The rain garden project, in which a garden will be installed at no cost to the town (it will be a training project for landscapers), will go forward.

The Council returned to the community center project later in the evening, because if possible we would like to put the wires to the building underground. Since it looks as though this would be expensive, the question before the Council was whether people thought it was worth it.

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The Council decided to get competing estimates: maybe we can get the number low enough for us. What, one Councilmember asked, would be an acceptable price range? That question didn't get answered, but Ted Pratt commented: "We're in a pretty strong position financially. The town *can* do this if it wants to."

The Mayor reported a rather frustrating meeting with the Postal Service, whose representatives, even given the present crisis, didn't seem to have much knowledge. "We need to do everything we can to optimize use of the Garrett Park Post Office. Every post office is under constant reevaluation," said the Mayor. Yet when we asked the reps for suggestions, they had none.

In Councilmember Reports, Jack Mandel said that the Archives Committee is looking for *current* town photos. Charlie Snyder added that the Archives just scored a major collection of photos from the 1890s, and they're quite amazing (p 4).

Chris Petito noted that the POSCO people now have a preliminary plan (see p 6) for renovation of the park adjacent to the pool (Cambria Courts). Still to come is public comment on the plan, as well as an application for a state grant.

This year's Tree Walk—as always, a spectacular opportunity to explore the town's canopy in the presence of an expert, town arborist Phil Normandy—will take place on Sunday, October 30, at 2 (see p 5). In a departure from tradition, this walk will start at the Town Hall.

The Newcomers' Reception was very well attended by enthusiastic townies who regaled recent arrivals with all the volunteer opportunities around here. The Mayor summed the event up with a nice Dickensian locution: "It was very satisfying in all respects."

(By the way, the Mayor also noted, with puzzlement, that Pepco has been great lately—very responsive, willing to cooperate, etc.)

We've only received two bids for our street work; if we accept the lower bid, work could start quite soon. The storm drains project will soon go to bid.

Parking difficulties for events at the Town Hall prompted the Mayor to propose that we reserve two spaces in front: one, a loading and unloading only space, and the other a handicapped space. (Along the way, the Mayor suggested an ordinance that would be a code of parking regulations, which would give us the ability to make parking changes by regulation rather than by ordinance.) The motion passed. At which point your reporter passed out of the building and back into the romantic October night.

Margaret Soltan

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Community Center Update

Amid the hubbub of the elementary school renovation, the renovation of the Garrett Park Community Center—home of the Garrett Park Nursery School—is quietly progressing. The building has a new roof structure, its floor has been reinforced, electrical system upgraded, HVAC system replaced, new exterior ramps have been poured from concrete, and the interior space and plumbing has been rearranged for ADA compliance. This renovation is expected to be complete at the beginning of December. The nursery school will move its operations from the Ken-Gar building on Beach Drive back to the Community Center in January, just as the elementary students return to Garrett Park.

The Garrett Park Nursery School, which is funding the renovation, is still very much in need of donations toward its completion. If you would like to help, checks can be made out to GPNS and mailed to PO Box 314, Garrett Park, MD 20896. Also, please support our annual Silent Auction (November 11) and Craft Fair (November 11 to 13), which will be held a little earlier than usual this year!

Questions? Please call Alison Pearce.

GPES

Do you have any Box Tops for Education coupons hanging around your kitchen? Send them to school with a student to be turned in for money. The library is also still accepting toner cartridges (only the small ones) to be turned in for money. Send them in or drop them off to a GPES student.

And since we're so far from home, the Halloween events this year will be at the holding school only, and will be held on Friday, October 28, since the school is closed for students on the 31st.

Put on your calendars the annual Talent Show, at the school, Tuesday, October 25, 7:30 pm, and the annual International Night, Saturday, January 28, 2012, 6 to 9 pm, in our new school building. With any luck the building will be ready for us. At the moment, it is a sea of mud!

Mary Moyer

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Town Administrator Notes

Sidewalk, Curb, and Gutter Construction. Some-time in early November, work will start on sidewalk replacement along Oxford Street and Kenilworth Avenue from the town line to Strathmore Avenue and on both sides of Kenilworth Avenue north of Strathmore, including part of Waverly Avenue. The work north of Strathmore will also include the installation of new tinted concrete driveway aprons, curbs, and gutters. Curb and gutter work will also be taking place along the west side of north Kenilworth from 11212 through 11314, and on the north side of Argyle Avenue from 4705 to the storm drain in front of 4701 on Rokeby Avenue. Plans may be viewed in the Town Office. The construction will cause disruption to normal parking and access, so please be careful when driving or walking in the work area.

Large Item Collection. There will be a large item collection Saturday, October 22.

Halloween Parade. Garrett Park Elementary School’s annual Halloween Parade will not be held in Garrett Park this year because of the ongoing school reconstruction project. The school is planning a smaller event on the back field at the Grosvenor Holding School (5701 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda) at 1:45 pm on Friday, October 28. Parties will be hosted in individual classrooms, starting at 2:15 pm. Parking is available on Dickens Street, a side street, and also at Bethesda Rehab, which is the first right after the school (but no parking in employee spaces, please). There is no parking on Grosvenor Lane. Please contact the school (301-571-6920) or the Town Office (301-933-7488) for more information.

Leaf Removal. Autumn is fast upon us, and the leaves are starting to fall. As before, Bethke Landscaping will be removing leaves for the town, starting the week of October 17 and continuing until the end of the year. Each street will be cleared once every week, as early in the week as possible (rain will delay collections). Leaves should be placed in rows along the curb. Please remove sticks, trash, and other debris that could damage the machinery. Please do not shred the leaves or put out grass clippings. If you have any problems, call the Town Office (301-933-7488).

Trash Collection After Holidays. The following holidays are observed by our trash contractor: New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. If a Monday is missed, recycling is collected on Tuesday, trash is collected on Thursday, and yard waste will be collected on the next Monday. Missed Thursday trash will be collected on the following Monday.

Yard Waste Removal. Remember, November through February, yard waste will be collected the first Monday of each month only. That dependable harbinger of spring, weekly collection, will resume in March.

Children and Leaves. Please warn your children not to play in the leaves piled along the street for removal. There is considerable risk of being hit by a car, even on Garrett Park’s quiet streets. If you are driving near a pile of leaves, treat it as you would a ball rolling into the street. Assume a child is nearby and likely to run into the street.

FY 2011 Financial Statements. The audit for the last financial year, July 2009 to June 2010, will be available shortly. The town continues to be in sound financial condition. Copies of the statements will be posted on the Web site and will be available from the Town Office.

Ted Pratt
Town Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

Happy Hour

Get ready for an afternoon social gathering and “happy hour” for Garrett Park residents who would like to take a break from their daytime work at home, or who are retired, or who are just at home for the day. On Thursday, October 27, from 2 to 4 pm at the Town Hall, there will be an afternoon of conversation, discussion, a short program (TBA), and light refreshments plus soda, cider, juice, or wine. Please check the Post Office Bulletin Board for further information.

For those who might need transportation, please call Elizabeth in the Town Office at 301-933-7488.

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Archives Receives 1890s Photographs

The Garrett Park Archives has been given an extraordinary gift of digital copies of 35 photographs of the town taken in the 1890s. The photos are the gift of Dudley Galloway of Jefferson City, Missouri. He is the grandson of Beverly T. Galloway, a USDA scientist and the builder of the house at 10925 Kenilworth (now owned by Perry Chapman). The collection includes numerous photographs of the Galloway house, including a large greenhouse on the back of the property where Galloway conducted plant experiments before his Bureau of Plant Pathology had its own greenhouses. There are pictures of neighboring houses, the one-room school, the spring, and Penn Place.



A picture of the Dorsett house, located at 10922 Montrose, is the first photo known of that house, which burned in 1903. Also included in the collection are some charming pictures of the women of Garrett Park in their leg-of-mutton sleeves. Prints of the collection will be made and copies will be exhibited in the Archives’ display case in the Post Office lobby.

Mr. Galloway and his wife visited the Town Archives and got copies of relevant materials preserved there and also toured the family home. In addition to the photos, Mr. Galloway has shared with the town a great deal of information about

the career of his grandfather, who was the most famous of a number of USDA scientists who lived in Garrett Park. There are many clues to be followed, but it is possible that Garrett Park may have had a small role in a number of agricultural breakthroughs, from pesticide spraying to the introduction of hard Russian wheat. Would anyone like an interesting research project?

Rear of Galloway house (10925 Kenilworth), 1890s. Like most Garrett Park houses of the period, it had a windmill to pump well water. Photo shows zones of clapboards and shingles of various colors and shapes, now covered with asbestos siding.

New to Our Town

We have several new town residents, a number of whom came to the Newcomers’ Welcome hosted by the Citizens Association on September 25. Please welcome these new neighbors (former house owners’ names included to help orient the oldtimers):

- Barbara and John Yuill and Kieran St. Denis of 10902 Keswick Street (former Balaban house)
- Irene and Ron Landsman of 10705 Kenilworth Avenue (new house on former Payne property)
- Quentin Lide and Suzanne Romero of 4710 Strathmore Avenue (Stevens house)
- Joe Martin and Mike Grimes of 4711 Waverly Avenue (Roberts house)
- Jeff and Jennifer Perry of 10810 Kenilworth Avenue (Beaven house)
- Danielle and Jonathan Barr of 4500 Strathmore Avenue (Colella house)

- Cynthia and David Weinberg of 10703 Clermont Avenue (Cohen house)
- Tara and Shep Smith of 11011 Montrose Avenue (Rodes house)
- Andrew and Andrea Lockman of 10703 Weymouth Avenue (Kennedy house)
- Joanne Chang and Charles Watow of 10704 Keswick (Mader house)
- Charles Witten of 10802 Kenilworth Avenue (Brock house)
- Jeff Jacobson of 10902 Kenilworth Avenue (Smit and Zebregs house)

Please welcome them as you meet them, and tell them about the Town Dinner in January. We’d love to see them join us for good food and fellowship.

Mary Moyer

Citizens Association News

On September 25, the annual Newcomers' Reception brought many new families to the Town Hall to learn a little about town and meet and mingle with neighbors. Representatives from various clubs joined us to give new residents an overview of what the town has to offer. Thanks to all who helped out.

Upcoming: Next CA Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26.

Spooky Woods. It's that time again! Each year Spooky Woods gets bigger and spookier! This year the GPCA's annual Spooky Woods will take place on Saturday, October 29, in Porcupine Woods, between Penn Place and Clermont Avenue. Kids of all ages are invited to join us to share scares and laughs!

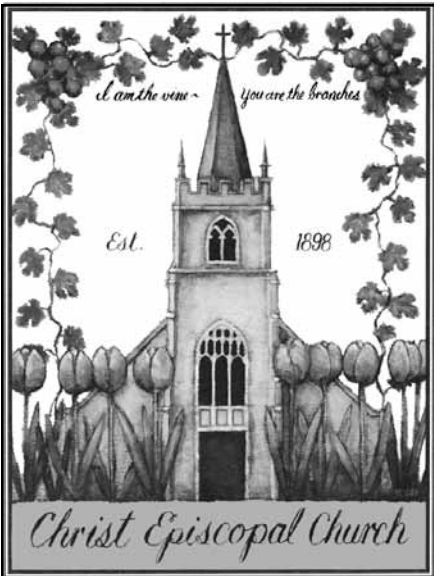
The GPCA cannot put on this annual town tradition without the help and creative minds of Garrett Park residents! We are looking for volunteers to help out at this year's event. Do you have an idea for a "spooky station"? Volunteer ghouls are needed during the day on the 29th to set up and during the event to act in the spooky stations. Please contact Mario Grande at mfgrande@aol.com if you are interested in helping, have an idea for a spooky station, or want to learn more. There

Green Again

The banner bucket is filling up slowly—we're good until March 2012. This month's green is courtesy of Patricia Bulhack of Strathmore Avenue. We thank her very much. If you would care to sponsor a green banner after March 2012, please make out a check for \$45 to the Citizens Association and mail it to me at Box 98.

Have you been picking up your *Bugle* in Penn Place lobby? They are in the basket for a week after the print date so that you have time to remember that they are not being mailed to your PO Box anymore.

Part of your Citizen Association dues funds this publication, as well as the 4th of July festivities, the Newcomers Welcome, and the Town Dinner. Send your dues to Box 456.



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is no deadline for volunteering! But if you are interested in creating your own spooky station, please contact Mario Grande before Thursday, October 27, to confirm space availability. We'll see you in "the woods"...

Pumpkin Carving. The Halloween fun continues! Please join us Sunday, October 30, from 1 to 3 pm on the basketball court, for the annual pumpkin carving contest. Please bring your own pumpkin and carving utensils (knives, stencils, etc.). Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Future Meetings. We want to hear your suggestions. Do you have a suggestion or idea for a meeting topic that you feel would be of interest to the town? If so, please forward your thoughts to Mario Grande at mfgrande@aol.com or send a note to POB 456.

Annual Dues. The Citizens Association 2011 annual dues are being collected. The annual dues are \$10 for individuals and \$20 per family. Thank you to all of those who have already paid. If you have not, please submit dues by mailing them to the Citizens Association at Box 456.

Garrett Park listserv. To join this electronic forum, which allows neighbors to communicate information about town concerns, safety issues, upcoming events, and recommended services, e-mail Todd Harris or sign in at groups.yahoo.com/group/GarrettParkneighbors/join.

Questions or comments for the Citizens Association? If so, please send a note to P.O. Box 456 or e-mail Mario Grande (mfgrande@aol.com).

Tree Walk October 30

Please mark your calendars for the Arboretum Committee's annual tree walk, featuring our town arborist, Phil Normandy. This informative and entertaining event will take place at 2 pm on Sunday, October 30. We will meet at the Town Hall, and Phil will lead us on a walking tour through the neighborhood and discuss our arboretum. During this casual and entertaining discourse, we will observe our town's canopy on what we hope will be a very pretty weekend. Arboretum Committee members will be there, trying to impress with their knowledge and use of the Latin botanical names. For the rest of us, it is mainly a great opportunity to ask questions and talk about our trees, including some of the newer specimens of oaks recently acquired. These native oaks are as of yet rare this far north, but they seem to be thriving. Please join us on this Sunday afternoon stroll.

Recently some of you noticed Phil's lieutenants, crane necked and keen eyed, looking skyward. Every year about this time, Phil sends Arboretum Committee members out on the streets to give a full report on trees that may be showing signs of stress, injury, or disease so we can help manage our magnificent collection.

Bugle Notes . . . Sweet and Sour

- ♪ From the P.O.: don't forget to pay your box rent promptly: if it is not paid after the 10th of the following month, the box can be rented to someone else! You can re-rent it online if you want. Stamps celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa are now in stock. Buy a goodly supply and keep our PO in business.
- ♪ Put on your calendars: Holiday Sing-along, Friday, December 9, Town Hall, and Santa's arrival on Saturday, December 10. Details will be forthcoming.
- ♪ Our condolences to the family of Marylynn Placet of Cambria Avenue, who died on September 22. She leaves her husband Philip Altomare, and children Jason, Stefani Sese, Lisa, and Julie Lyons, and five grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Montgomery Hospice's Casey House, 1355 Piccard Drive, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20850.
- ♪ Former resident Walter Damtoft also passed away on September 22, in Asheville, North Carolina. He was 89. His first wife, Janet Russell Damtoft, who died several years ago, edited the *Bugle* for many years. He is survived by his second wife, Nancy, and children Russell Walter of Bethesda and Lisa of Boston.
- ♪ Kudos to Leo Bradford on all his awards for his flowers and floral displays. In Kent, Prince William, Prince George's, Howard, and Anne Arundel County Fairs, he walked away with Best in Show. Add those to his Second to the Grand Champion, 16 Champion, and 106 other ribbons, including a second place for his Jack-be-Leo gourd. At the Maryland State Fair, he won the President's award for the best horticultural exhibit.
- ♪ We were sad to note the passing of Kitty Barclay, one of the *Bugle's* staff of "folders," on September 30. An obituary will be in a future issue.
- ♪ Robert Le Mar's paintings will be shown at the Waverly Street Gallery (across from the Round House Theater), beginning on November 11 with a reception at the gallery.

POSCO Explores New Look/Uses for Cambria Courts

For the last few years, the Parks and Open Spaces Committee (POSCO) has been gathering ideas for how to improve the tennis court by the pool. In recent years, other parts of the Cambria park area have been upgraded (playground, landscaping, etc.), while the cost of restoring the tennis court kept improvements on hold.

But that may change. Over the summer, the committee became aware that the state of Maryland has a grant program specifically for renovation of such community properties. Armed with ideas generated from the 2009 POSCO survey of town residents and the follow-up research undertaken by the committee since the survey, committee chair Ida Sullivan and several committee members met with landscape designers on site. They explored various possibilities for all the town property in the area of the tennis court, now known as Cambria Courts, including Manny's Wood.

While all firms interviewed had very similar ideas for how to achieve POSCO's objectives, only one, Goshen Enterprises, Inc., agreed to help by developing a concept plan at no cost to the town, with the understanding that, if funded, they would do the work and that their contribution would be acknowledged.

A concept plan is essential for the grant application and normally could cost \$2000 or more. Goshen's plan is now ready for citizen comment. It was guided by the results of POSCO's 2009 survey of town residents and the committee's objectives for the proposed renovation:

- to better integrate and protect Manny's Wood and add a memorial glade,
- to create a multi-use sports court,
- to create an area for older children to play,
- to create a dog park, and
- to create a Life Trail.

POSCO looks forward to continuing the Cambria Courts charrette, which began with the gathering of pertinent information, continues with the assistance of experts, and will move forth with input from all people within our community. Watch the *Bugle* and the bulletin board for more information.

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GPFS Presents *Top Hat* on November 18, Announces New Season

Get out your tuxedos and fancy dresses, and come dance with some real stars! Join Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers in the quintessential 1930's screwball comedy/musical *Top Hat* (1935, rated G). With words and music by Irving Berlin ("Cheek to Cheek," "Isn't It a Lovely Day?" "Top Hat, White Tie, and Tails"), and two of the most engaging dancers to ever grace the screen, this movie will have you dancing in the aisles. So put on those dancing shoes and be there!

The film will be shown at the Town Hall at 8 pm, Friday, November 18. Admission is free for GPFS members and is \$5 per person or \$10 per family for nonmembers. Dinner will be served at 7:15 and will be as elegant as Fred and Ginger (or not), catering to both vegetarians and not. Cost for dinner is ~\$10 per person, \$5 per child 10 or under. Beer and wine are on offer for \$3 and \$5 respectively. Soda, popcorn, or nuts are on sale for \$1, or free with a member coupon.

The schedule for the GPFS 2012 film series is now available (see below). Consider becoming a member! (A membership might make a good gift this holiday season. Think about it.)

2012 GPFS 10th Anniversary Season

January 13: *Waitress* (USA, 2007, PG-13). Faced with difficult choices, a young waitress bakes pies.

February 10: *I Am Love* (*Io sono l'amore*) (Italian with subtitles, 2009, R). Emma Recchi (Tilda Swinton), wife of a powerful Milanese industrialist, must choose between family and wealth, and passion and fulfillment. Lush visually and aurally. *Not for children.*

March 16: *Bill Cunningham, New York* (USA, 2010, documentary). Bill Cunningham, an 80-year-old photographer and columnist for the *New York Times*, roams New York spotting fashion trends. Renowned in the world of high fashion, his personal life is anything but glamorous.

April 13: *Green for Danger* (UK, 1946, G). First a postman dies on the operating table of a British Army hospital in WWII. Then a nurse dies for unknown reasons. When another nurse is murdered after proclaiming that the earlier deaths

were murder, Inspector Cockrill (Alistair Sim) is called in to solve the case. Comedy/thriller.

May 18: *Kung Fu Hustle* (China, 2004, R for stylized violence). Set in the midst of a power struggle among rival gangs in wartime Shanghai, a young man stumbles upon Pig Sty Alley. His actions inadvertently bring the attentions of the Axe Gang to this poor neighborhood. The gang is in for a big surprise. No ordinary tenants live in this tenement, and once they are unmasked for the kung fu masters they are, the action begins.

June 22: *The Adventures of Robin Hood* (USA, 1938, PG). GPFS brings back this classic to celebrate its 10th year. Stars Errol Flynn at his most swashbuckling, Olivia de Havilland at her most demure, and Basil Rathbone at his most cruel.

September 14: *October Sky* (USA, 1999, PG). Based on the autobiography of Homer Hickam (*Rocket Boy*), stars Jake Gyllenhall. Inspired by the launch of Sputnik, Homer, a coal miner's son, and his friends start building rockets. A teacher challenges them to compete in the national science fair, which offers college scholarships as the prize.

October 12: *Local Hero* (UK, 1983, PG). In this comedy, an American oil company sends a young man to a remote Scottish village with the assignment to obtain property rights for a new oil refinery. A clash of cultures ensues.

November 9 or December 14: *The Man Who Came to Dinner* (USA, 1942, G). A witty comedy in the best Hollywood tradition. Acerbic critic Sheridan Whiteside slips and falls outside a provincial Ohio businessman's home during the Christmas holidays. From his wheelchair, he (and his entourage) takes over their home.

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- ☐ **Director** \$250 (20 coupons; a glass of wine or beer at each film)
- ☐ **Producer** \$500 (20 coupons; free dinner for 2 at each film)

Make checks payable to "Garrett Park Film Society" or "GPFS" and mail to Suzanne Grefsheim, GPFS Treasurer, PO Box 175, Garrett Park, MD 20896.



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Letter from the Mayor

Elsewhere in this issue you can read of an extraordinary gift to the town of a collection of rare early photographs of Garrett Park (p 4). I want to emphasize here that recent work by the Archives Committee made it possible for the town to accept these historic documents in the context of a functioning, structured organization that will catalog, research, and care for them in a way that will make the pictures accessible for our enjoyment and will preserve them for future residents. As with so much in Garrett Park, the revitalization of the Archives builds on the work of many who have contributed over the years to establishing this valuable resource: historian/archivist Barbara Shidler and the late Paul Edlund, to name just two. The Archives had its genesis with former clerk-treasurer Sibyl Griffin. When Henri and I moved to Garrett Park, the Griffins were our neighbors. Sibyl asked us to visit their back porch (yes, the famous porch from which she had "run the town" for many years); she pulled a file from a desk drawer and presented us with an old issue of *Potomac* magazine containing an article that profiled the former owner of our house. Such was the nature of the archives and the devoted character of those who care for and about our history. With advances in technology, and a great expansion in the volume of information appropriate to archival treatment, we can now make that figurative desk drawer available to all residents. Look for ways—still under development by the committee—to learn more about your home town. Look especially for those photos of early Garrett Park—we hope to place some on the town Web site soon—they are stunning!

I also urge all residents to check the town Web site (www.garrettpark-md.gov) periodically for upcoming events, meetings, and other items of interest. For example, on Sunday, October 30, at 2 pm, join the Arboretum Committee and fellow residents for the Annual Tree Walk (see p 5). Also fast approaching is the Nursery School Craft Fair on the weekend of November 11 to 13. The event is the Nursery School's major fundraiser; it deserves our support for many reasons, not the

least of which is the tremendous effort that the school has put toward renovation of the Community Center.

The town will soon have new and upgraded infrastructure at several locations. The contract for Kenilworth sidewalks (both north and south of Strathmore), as well as curbs, gutters, and driveway aprons at several locations in town, was awarded on October 14. A request for bids on storm drain work at Shelley Court and the north end of Kenilworth went out on October 18.

Traffic and parking: At the October Town Council meeting, a resolution was adopted to set aside space for pick-up/drop-off and for handicapped parking on Kenilworth Avenue immediately in front of Town Hall. At the November meeting, we anticipate introducing an ordinance to rationalize the town's current parking laws. The town maintenance staff has recently taken steps to create safer sightlines at several intersections in town; that work will continue. Let me again ask all residents to drive gently in town. The days are shorter, and it is more difficult to see pedestrians, especially children, at dusk and during the evening. Walkers, please be aware that drivers may not be able to see you easily. Wear light-colored clothing and carry a flashlight. Enjoy our colorful autumn in Garrett Park!

Chris Keller



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